Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, May 25 has annually been declared National Missing Children's Day; and,

Whereas, The Missing Children Act of 1982 was the first federal law to address this issue, and, in 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Missing Children's Day; and,

Whereas, Families and friends of missing children join together to plan events in communities across America to raise public awareness about the issue of missing children; and,

Whereas, Children are our most valuable asset, our link to the future, and their protection and safety deserve our utmost attention and priority; and,

Whereas, In 2009, on 1,088 occasions, children were reported missing in the state of South Dakota, and locating and returning these children to their homes is a statewide, national, and international objective; and,

Whereas, Law enforcement agencies across the state have made a commitment to missing children by forming a statewide Child Abduction Response Team, the fifth team in the nation to be certified by the U.S. Department of Justice, and ready to respond if a child is abducted in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota shows its commitment to the improved safety and recovery of missing children by our participation in the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2010, as

MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State